



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, March 9, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Fritze, Clerk G. Woodbury, Members Stevens & C. Woodbury and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:02 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 Business Meeting (G. Woodbury/Stevens) passed 4/0. Mr. Pepe abstained.

Citizen Input

None

Communication

Administrator Gaudette announced that Nomination papers may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town Website. The deadline is March 24th.

New Business

Action Item: Vote to approve One Day Alcohol License for Mary Queen of the Rosary

Sandra Fritze, representing the Mary Queen of the Rosary Church requested approval for a Special One-day All Alcohol license for their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner to be held on March 14th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A motion to approve the One Day Alcohol License for Mary Queen of the Rosary (G. Woodbury/C. Woodbury) passed 4/0, Mr. Fritze abstained.

Action Item: Vote to Approve the Spencer-E. Brookfield Little League Parade Request for April 26th at 11 am

A motion to approve the Spencer-E. Brookfield Little League Parade Request for April 26th at 11 am (rain date, May 9th) contingent upon Police Chief approval of the route (Fritze /C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Audit Contract for 2015-2017 – Scanlon & Associates

Administrator Gaudette noted that the Town has been utilizing the services of Scanlon and Associates for the past several years. He has an Audit Contract for 2015-2017 and recommends continuing to utilize their services, noting they have been easy to work with and very professional.

A motion to approve the Audit Contract for Scanlon & Associates for 2015-2017 for a fee of \$17,900 per year (Stevens /C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Old Business

None

Town Administrator Report

FY2016 Budget Update

Administrator Gaudette reported that the Governor's House One budget has been released, and the SEBRSD and Bay Path School District assessments have been finalized. He noted the following:

- Cherry Sheet receipt estimates amounts to a \$94,328 increase over last year and will go towards balancing the FY15 budget
- General Government includes a modest increase of 1.5%
- Preliminary budget numbers from SEBRSD includes a 13.5% increase over last year, while enrollment is projected to drop by 83 Spencer students
- With 83 less students, the Administrator questioned the \$180,000 increase in transportation expense and will check into further
- Bay Path amount includes a 23% increase in minimum local contribution due to an increase of 19 Spencer students

If these numbers stand, the result is a \$907,000 budget deficit. If the District comes back with a request of the Minimum Local Contribution, the deficit will be reduced to \$235,126.

Mr. Gaudette will email the Legislative Delegation to inform them of the budget situation.

List of Proposed Warrant Articles

The Board agreed to defer and review at the Workshop on Monday.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Pepe will attend a Capital Planning Committee meeting this week.

Mr. Stevens mentioned an upcoming Farm-to-Table forum. There will be some discussion on Farmers Markets in Spencer, possibly at the Fairgrounds. He will reach out to the Agricultural Commission members.

Citizen input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe thanked Mr. Woodbury for hosting the Talk of the Town, noting it was a good show.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶6, for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, as the chair has decided that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body

At 7:13 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a), ¶ 6, for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, as the chair has decided that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Stevens/G. Woodbury) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury - yes, Fritze-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes.

Mr. Pepe announced the meeting will reconvene only to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials

One Day Alcohol License for Mary Queen of the Rosary
Audit Contract for 2015-2017 – Scanlon & Associates
FY2016 Draft Budget